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SUBJECT: DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY
9-12 ELEVENTH DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE HELD AT YURMALA,
OUTSIDE RIGA. ANNEXES I AND II BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.
SONNENFELDT HELD 45 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE ON BACKGROUND
AT EMBASSY 1630 HOURS JULY 13 WITH VIEWS TO BE ATTRIBUTED
TO "A PARTICIPANT".

2. BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

XITH DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE

THE XI DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
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USA AND THE USSR MET IN JURMALA (LATVIAN SSR, USSR) FROM
JULY 9 TO 13 AND DISCUSSED IN A FRANK AND FRIENDLY MANNER
THE CURRENT STATE AND PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-
AMERICAN RELATIONS. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE
BROAD CONTEXT OF THE CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,
AND OF A A SHARED DESIRE TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR
THE RELAXAATION OF TENSIONS AND THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF

PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES HAVE APPEARED IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AFTER THE POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RECENT YEARS, AND THAT IT IS OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES TO MAKE FRESH EFFORTS FOR CONSOLIDATING AND EXPANDING SPHERES OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

THE CONFERENCE GAVE URGENT ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS, THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY.

OTHER PROBLEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE DEVELOPEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN EUROPE AFTER HELSINKI. SPECIAL NOTE WAS TAKEN OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS A BASIS FOR STRENGTHENING SECURITY AND INTER-STATE COOPERATION IN EUROPE. PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED THE INTER-RELATEDNESS OF ALL THE "THREE BASKETS" OF THAT AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF OPINION AT BELGRADE AND CONTINUING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ACT. VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED ON A QUESTION ON WHICH THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE, I.E. THE QUESTION OF DIVERGENT AMERICAN AND SOVIET APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS OF INSURING HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE CONFEREES EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE FOR THE EARLIEST PROGRESS
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IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA ON REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES
AN ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

PARTICIPANTS EXAMINED A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF ARMS AND DISARMAMENT AND DISCUSSED THE NATURE OF THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A SALT II AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THEREAFTER NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD FURTHER LIMITING AND REDUCING STRATEGIC ARMS. IT WAS AGREED THAT ANY ACTIONS WHICH TEND TO DESTABILIZE PARITY ARE UNDESIRABLE AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

OTHER SPECIFIC ISSUES OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT WERE ALSO TAKEN UP AND THE HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY, CONTRIBUTING THEREBY TO CURBING THE ARMS RACE.

DESPITE EXISTING DIFFERENCES, THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT DETENTE REMAINED SUFFICIENTLY VIABLE TO INSURE THAT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT COULD BE FOUND .

THE CONFEREES AGREE THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH
THE US AND THE USSR TO AVOID CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE
EAST, TO END THE NO WAR-NO PEACE SITUATION AND TO ACHIEVE A
STABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE AREA.

IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATION, IT IS THE VIEW OF BOTH
DELEGATIONS THAT EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE
IS ESSENTIAL. TO THIS END, A GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVENED
BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IT IS IMPORTANT
THAT BOTH COUNTRIES PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THESE
DELIVERATIONS.

THE DARTMOUTH CONFEREES, WHILE HAVING DIFFERING VIEWS AS
TO THE DETAILS OF A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, SHARE THE CONVICTION
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THAT FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT TO ENDURE IT SHOULD ENCOMPASS THREE
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES:

(1) A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE WHICH GUARANTEES THE RIGHT OF
EXISTENCE AND SECURITY FOR ALL STATES IN THE AREA
INCLUDING ISRAEL.

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(2) WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE WAR OF 1967. THERE MUST BE ESTABLISHED MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES WHICH ARE AGREED UPON AS FINAL AND INVOLABLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE MUTUAL SECURITY.

(3) ACCEPTANCE OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS TO FULL SELF DETERMINATION.

THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS, INDEPENDENCE, AND JUSTICE HAS REACHED AN INTENSIVE STAGE. BOTH DELEGATIONS SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF EACH AFRICAN NATION TO SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS. BOTH DELEGATIONS FAVOUR SOLUTIONS OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES ONLY BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

THE CONFEREES SUPPORT THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHER RHODESIA, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA, AND THE END OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT EXTERNAL FORCES SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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AVOID ANY ACTIONS, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE ON THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT WHICH COULD EXACERBATE THE SITUATION.

THE CONFEREES RECOGNIZE THAT SERIOUS OBSTACLES STAND IN THE WAY OF CONTINUING PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR. THESE CHIEFLY INCLUDE THE LACK OF MOST-FAVORED NATIONS TARIFF TREATMENT BY THE US ON SOVIET EXPORTS AND THE LIMITATION OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE CONFEREES URGE THAT ACTION BE TAKEN AT AN EARLY DATE TO ELIMINATE THESE OBSTACLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN 1972.

THE CONFEREES NOTED A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS UNDERWAY OR WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THESE INCLUDE AGRICULTURE, ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER RESOURCES, JOINT PROJECTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES, AND CONDITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITS.

THE CONFEREES BELIEVE THAT FAVORABLE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TRADES WOULD PROMOTE DETENTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH NATIONS.

IN SPITE OF DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH TO A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, THE XITH DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE AGREED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY EFFORTS FOR THE NORMALIZATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THERE WAS A WIDE-RANGING AND CANDID DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE DEALT WITH CONSTRUCTIVELY

IN ORDER BOTH TO PREVENT THE EROSION OF THAT MEASURE OF
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR
DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AND TO BUILD ON THE ACCORDS
ALREADY REACHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, WORLD
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

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IN THE OPINION OF THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS,
REAL POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH PROGRESS EXIST, AND IT IS NECESSARY
TO MAKE FULL USE OF THOSE POSSIBILITIES NOW AND ON A SUSTAINED
BASIS IN THE FUTURE.

BOTH GROUPS RECOGNIZE THAT, IMPORTANT THOUGH THEIR BILATERAL
APPROACHES MAY BE IN TERMS OF IMPROVING THEIR OWN RELATIONS,
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE MACHINERY OF WORLD ORGANIZATION
BE STRENGTHENED IN EVERY WAY IN ORDER TO MEET THE WIDE RANGE
OF WORLD PROBLEMS THAT CALL FOR WORLD SOLUTIONS. IN THIS LIGHT,
BOTH GROUPS REAFFIRM THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION CONCERNING THE
NEED TO SUPPORT AND UPGRADE THE FUNCTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT WAS EMPHASIZED BY ALL THE CONFEREEES THAT THEY SHARE A
COMMON CONCERN TO ACQUAINT THE PUBLIC IN THE TWO COUNTRIES
WITH THE RESULTS OF THE XI DARTMOUTH MEETING.

THE CONFEREEES EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM
HOSPITALITY OF THEIR LATVIAN HOSTS. END TEXT
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